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The Export Promotion Councils are also advising their members regarding the recent changes in the multilateral trading system and assisting them in various ways like, for instance, in contesting antidumping/anti-subsidy investigations, holding workshops on WTO agreements etc.

Amendment of Juvenile Justice Act, 1986

* 304. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Juvenile Justice Act, 1986, to make *it* more child-friendly and the proposed law would be in conformity with UN Convention on Child Welfare;

(b) if so, by when;

(c) whether a campaign seeking the children rights on the agenda of all the allied systems, such as police and health care system has been launched and the State Governments have been requested to extend their support to the campaign; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the State Governments and Childline *to* provide medical attention, shelter and protection from abuse/death of a child?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The process is at an advanced stage but it is difficult to indicate any time frame for the enactment of the proposed legislation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) State Governments and Childline are partners in the implementation of this campaign.